

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A top loading fixed length line trimmer head for string trimmer machines using line segments of a predetermined length and having first and second ends including in combination:

a central generally cylindrical hub having an upper end and a lower end, with the upper end thereof configured for attachment to a drive shaft of a string trimmer machine;

a circular flange, having a top surface and a bottom surface, attached adjacent the lower end of the central hub and extending outwardly therefrom, with the hub extending upwardly from the top surface of the flange, the circular flange having at least one trimmer line exit opening on the circumference thereof;

line guide means on the circular flange between the line exit opening and an opening on the top surface of the flange; and

at least one ~~line end~~ termination aperture for an end of a line on the top surface of the circular flange offset from the line guide means; and

means for effecting frictional engagement between the line guide means and the ~~line end~~ termination aperture.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

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2 4. (cancelled)

3 5. (Previously presented) The trimmer head according to Claim
4 17 wherein the at least one trimmer line exit opening includes
5 spaced exit openings located on the circular flange, and the sets
6 of line termination apertures include at least two line termination
7 apertures of different sizes associated with each of the line exit
8 openings.
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11 6. (Previously presented) The trimmer head according to Claim
12 5 wherein two diametrically opposed longitudinal flanges on the
13 central hub extending generally parallel to the longitudinal axis
14 of the central hub and wherein the line termination apertures are
15 located in the longitudinal flanges.
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18 7. (original) The trimmer head according to Claim 6 wherein
19 the line termination apertures extend through the longitudinal
20 flanges.

21 8. (withdrawn)

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23 10. (cancelled)

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26 13. (cancelled)

1 14. (withdrawn)

2 15. (withdrawn)

3 16. (withdrawn)

4 17. (Previously presented) A top loading fixed length line
5 trimmer head for string trimmer machines using line segments of
6 predetermined length including in combination:
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8 a central cylindrical hub having an upper end and a lower
9 end and configured for attachment to a drive shaft of a string
10 trimmer machine, the central hub further having a longitudinal axis
11 and an offset shoulder thereon;
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13 a circular flange attached to and extending outwardly
14 from the lower end of the central hub, the flange having at least
15 one trimmer line exit opening on the circumference thereof;
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17 sets of line termination apertures of different sizes on
18 the shoulder of the hub extending generally parallel to the
19 longitudinal axis of the hub and axially offset from the trimmer
20 line exit openings for insertion and termination of an end of a
21 length of trimmer line therein; and

22 a line guide means on the flange located between the at
23 least one line exit opening and the line termination apertures to
24 direct lengths of trimmer line from the line termination apertures
25 to the at least one line exit opening.
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